

ave you ever heard your local weather forecaster say that tomorrow will be a "code red" day for air pollution? That's the Air Quality Index at work. The Air Quality Index, or AQI, is the system used to warn the public when we are having a "Bad Air Day" and that the air we breathe is unhealthy. The AQI tracks ozone (smog) and particle pollution (tiny particles from ash, vehicle exhaust, soil dust, pollen, and other pollution). Keeping track of current air quality information can help you take steps to protect yourself and others from unhealthy levels of air pollution.

There's a lot you can do to help prevent air pollution and "Bad Air Days." You can walk or bike instead of using a car; use an electric or old fashioned push lawn mower: use a broom instead of a leaf blower; don't remove native plants or disturb soil unnecessarily and conserve energy in your home. Taking any of these actions will help us all breath easier, and the more you do, the more air pollution you will help prevent!

Enter the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's

THE RULES

- Create an ORIGINAL poster that shows what you can do to prevent air pollution.
- Create your poster using an unlined 8½" by 11" horizontal white piece of paper.
- Use crayons colored pencils, pens, markers or watercolors only: No chalk.
- Posters must be drawn free-hand; no tracing or pre-fabricated drawings will be accepted.
- Posters <u>must</u> include the artist's name, age, gender, mailing address, telephone number, and their teacher's name & school (if done as a school project), on back of poster. Write on the back of the poster in pencil only.
- All entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, originality and relevance to theme.
- All entries become the property of the MDAQMD. Judges' decision is final. 7.
- Contest winners will be featured in the 2015 MDAQMD calendar and recognized during an award ceremony in May.
- Entry deadline: May 16, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

Visit www.mdaqmd.ca.gov for more information or call (760) 245-1661 ext. 6101

One Poster Entry Per Person - Each Entry is Automatically Entered Into a Drawing to Win a New Bike!



CATEGORIES:

Grades K-2 ~ Grades 3-5 ~ Grades 6-8 ~ Grades 9-12 WINNERS RECEIVE GIFT CARDS IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

1 ST PLACE WINNERS	\$100
2 ND PLACE WINNERS	\$50
3 RD PLACE WINNERS	\$25







POSTERS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON MAY 16, 2014 TO: The Moiave Desert

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